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Blighted Circuit City Site Purchased by Fairfax County

Supervisor Jeffrey C. McKay (D-Lee District) announced that on March 19, Fairfax County acquired the former Circuit City site on Old Keene Mill Road. "I am pleased that we have taken this proactive step," Supervisor McKay commented. "The long vacant store and lot have been an impediment to revitalizing central Springfield and the community is eager to see something positive happen there. This accomplishes two key objectives for Springfield, facilitating and encouraging mass transit and ridding the community of a blighted eyesore."

The county intends to keep the site available for the informal slugging operation that has taken place there for many years. The site will also support an additional commuter surface parking lot of about 270 spaces later this year after the building has been inspected, cleared of any hazardous materials, and razed.

Funding for the property's acquisition came from Fairfax County Commercial and Industrial revenue funds.

Longer term, should funding become available, the property may be redeveloped as a 1,000 space commuter parking garage. Funding for the property's acquisition came from Fairfax County Commercial and Industrial revenue funds.

Demolition of the building and construction of the commuter parking spaces is on an expedited schedule, however commuters are advised that for safety reasons parking will not be available until the building has been removed and the site repaved and restriped.

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